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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

FROM: R. E. Hineman
Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT: Naturalization of FBIS Spouse [redacted]

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1. Recently you issued an order temporarily halting the naturalization processing of foreign national spouses sponsored by the Agency through the Alien Affairs Staff (AAS). I share the concern raised over the number of naturalization cases processed over the past several years, and believe that our present operating policy needs to be thoroughly evaluated and amended as soon as possible. [redacted]

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2. However, in the interim I believe we must distinguish between new cases and those already in processing. Several impending overseas assignments in the DS&T and elsewhere, involving officers with foreign national spouses, were made in full compliance with the then existing AAS guidelines. While I believe no new cases should be considered pending a review of procedures, the action being taken to halt even those cases which are already in processing is creating unnecessary hardship for a number of Agency officers and offices. [redacted]

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3. On 29 July, AAS advised the Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) that they could not continue the naturalization proceedings in progress for the spouse of one of its officers, [redacted] currently assigned to [redacted] [redacted] had initiated procedures to marry a foreign national in late 1987. The Director of Personnel approved the marriage in May 1988. As he was projected for a lateral assignment as unit chief [redacted] this fall, FBIS began working with AAS to schedule [redacted] naturalization in September during [redacted] home leave. Working with AAS, the [redacted] were to enter the U.S. on September 10, and scheduled to submit the necessary paper work to INS, with [redacted] being naturalized in October, thus permitting the [redacted] to proceed [redacted] on assignment. [redacted]

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4. Adding to the urgency of posting [redacted] is the fact that the unit chief's position there currently is vacant, as the previous chief has had to return Headquarters in preparation for attending a Service school. As there will be no overlap [redacted] experience as

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unit chief [] makes him uniquely qualified to step right into the position. Additionally, he has already spent some time [] preparing himself for the assignment. []

5. Thus, if FBIS cannot have [] naturalized quickly as planned, then [] will have to return PCS to Headquarters and a new candidate [] position will have to be identified quickly. It would, however, be extremely difficult at this late date to find a replacement as suited as []. Furthermore, a change in assignments and the ensuing processing out period for the new assignee would result in the unit chief's position remaining vacant far longer than is desirable. []

6. As this naturalization case was well in process prior to your order to cease naturalization proceedings, I request that you grant a waiver to the [] so that the naturalization process can continue and FBIS can proceed with their planned assignment []

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R. E. Hineman

APPROVED:

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Executive Director

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